SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : Are terrorists reputed ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : He meant disreputable terrorists.... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN : Well, everybody has some sort of reputation. Here it is reputation in terrorism. I did not use it as a complimentary term but quite objectively.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : Ill-reputed.

SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN : Yes, ill-reputed; I correct it. Sir, about this they have told us that they have held all manner of inquiries and these seven people are not there. But we have information that they are there and we have again given them the evidence we have at our disposal. They have promised to look into it and we are awaiting a responsible reply from them.

SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH : Sir, one question.

MR. CHAIRMAN : No. Twenty minutes have been spent on this question. Question No. 42.

Reaction of the Foreign Secretary of State of U.K. to Indian concern over terrorists operating from British soil against India

*42. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI :†
PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.K. Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Sir Geofferey Home, during his recent visit to India was apprised of the general concern in this country to the effect that effective action was not being taken by the U.K. Government against terrosists operating from the British soil against India ;

(b) if so, what was his reaction in this regard and whether he has given any assurance to deal firmly with the terrorists; and

(c) whether the draft extradition treaty was also discussed; if so, the progress made in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The British Minister had assured the Government of India that the U.K. laws will be implemented with the utmost vigour to prevent U.K. from being used as a base for attempts to destabilise others.

(c) Yes, Sir. The UK Minister indicated that the second round of meetings between the legal experts of India and the UK can take place shortly.

श्री शान्ति त्यागी : माननीय सभापति जी, इग्लैंड में खालिस्तानी उग्रवादियों और आतंकवादियों को भारत के खिलाफ साजिश करते हुए लम्बा टाइम बीत गया है और वहां भारतीय नागरिकों पर कातिलाना हमले हुए हैं और इन उग्रवादियों को इग्लैंड में हर तरह की सुविधा प्राप्त है । वहां म्हात्रे की हत्या की गयी । अकाली दल के संतोख सिंह संधू की हत्या का प्रयास किया गया और पिछली जनवरी में तरसेमसिंह तूर की हत्या की गयी । मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से यह पूछना चाहता हूं कि क्या वह स्वीकार करेंगे कि उग्रवादियों की कार्यवाहियों पर भारत सरकार ने कई बार जो प्रोटेस्ट किया और जो नाराजगी का इजहार किया बरतानियां सरकार से, जो क्या वह स्वीकार करेंगे कि उस का कोई नोटिस उस सरकार ने नहीं लिया? आप इतनी मजबूत सरकार के विदेश मंत्री हैं जिस का नेतृत्व आदरणीय राजीव गांधी जी कर रहे हैं, तो आप फरियाद के अन्दाज में प्रोटेस्ट क्यों करते हैं? और मैं यह भी जानना

*The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Shanti Tyagi.

चाहता हूं कि हाल में बरतानिया के विदेश सचिव जो भारत में आये थे उन्होंने आप से इस संबंध में क्या वायदे किये ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : He has given a history of all the things that have occurred.

SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN : Sir, the British Foreign Secretary has told us that under the British law they would take every step posisible in order to deal with anti-India terrorism but the problem here is that there are many lacunae in the British law and some of the specific kind of anti-Indian activities committed by people are not covered by these laws, specially laws like Extradition and Deportation, and they have pleaded that there is a conflict between the effort to deal with this question and the necessity of working under the rule of law as obtained in the United Kingdom. But we have not been satisfied by this reply. We are convinced that a more rigorous observance of even the existing laws could produce results and it would be possible for them to control these people who are indulging in anti-Indian and terrorists activities against India.

श्री शान्ति त्यागी : मैं इसी के बारे में पूछना चाहता हूं कि एक्सट्रेडिशन ट्रीटी के बारे में जो बातचीत चल रही है, अगर बरतानिया सरकार आनाकानी कर रही है तो आप क्या प्रस्ताव ब्रिटिश सरकार से करने जा रहे हैं ?

SHRI K. R NARAYANAN : Well, the British Government did not say that they were not prepared to sign an extradition treaty with us. What they have told was that signing a treaty was a prolonged process, that it had to go through the British Parliament. Therefore, they have suggested extension of the British Terrorism Act to India. But, unfortunately, this will not cover all the types of offences which are in question.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Minister, while answering, has stated :

> "The British Minister had assured the Government of India that the U.K. laws will be implemented with the utmost vigour to prevent U.K. from being used as a base for attempts to destabilise others."

In spite of this the terrorist activity in India is continuing, and there is every reason to believe that there is a connection between the terrorist activity in India and some of the shielding forces which are there in U.K. Secondly, even while this was being said, there was an attempt made by U.S. using UK. as the base to destabilise somebody else.

If that is the case, does the Government of India think that it will be of any use to have continued relations which we have with U.K. as a part of the Commonwealth ? Is there any second thinking on the part of the Government of India to reconsider the relationship between India and U.K. in view of the continued allowance of the terrosist activities from U.K. ? Then, will there be some thinking on this ?

SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN : Sir, as I have said, we are certainly not satisfied with what the British Government is doing to curb this type of activities against India in Britain. We are determined to put every manner of pressure on the British Government to make them see this as a danger not only to India but ultimately to their own society also. The subject is under discussion. We are also discussing, as I said, an extradition treaty between the two countries.

As regards your question whether we can link it with our membership of the Commonwealth, I do not think, Sir, this is relevant; it is not the way of dealing with the British negligence.

SHRI K. MOHANAN : The question is very relevant.

SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN : Well, the terrorism taking place in Britain has certainly nothing to do with our membership of the Commonwealth.

SHRI K. MOHANAN : It is a question of relationship with an unfriendly country.

श्री सत्यपाल मलिक: श्रीमन्, पिछले दिनों अमरीका ने टैरोरिज्म से लड़ने के नाम पर अतर्राष्ट्रीय दादागीरी का काम कर दिया और उसने बताया कि जो टैरोरिज्म के मार्ग हैं उनके रास्ते में चैकिंग रखनी पड़ेगी जबकि अमरीका के विशेषज्ञ यह मानते हैं कि इस काम को और तरीके से किया जा सकता है। इसके अलावा अमरीका के जितने ऐलाइज थे उनको बताया कि लीबिया के खिलाफ सेक्शन इश्यू कर दें । मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूं कि जो टैरोरिस्ट हमारे यहां काम कर रहे हैं, उनको पाकिस्तान, चीन और अन्य मुल्कों से मदद मिल रही है । क्या हमारे लिए यह संभव नहीं है कि हम यूनाइटेड किंग्डम या और मुल्क जहां पर उनको आपरेट करने की सुविधाएं मिलती हैं वहां पर डिप्लोमेटिक आफेंसिक माउट नहीं कर सकते हैं ? क्या हम उनको यह नहीं कह सकते हैं कि हमारे लीडर्स उनकी हिट लिस्ट में हैं और वे आपकी जमीन में आपरेट करते हैं । इसके लिए हम विश्व जनमत तैयार करें ताकि ब्रिटेन पर दबाव पड़ सके अगर हम दुनिया में डिप्लोमैटिक आफेंसिव पूरी तरह से तैयार करें तो उसके शायद अच्छे नतीजे निकलेंगे । मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूं कि . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN : You have made a very good suggestion.

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र : सभापति महोदय, मैं मंत्री महोदय के विचार से सहमत नहीं हूं . . .

श्री सत्यपाल मलिक : यह आश्वासन तो आप दिलवा ही सकते थे कि यह करेंगे ।

MR. CHAIRMAN : You have made a lot of suggestions which are very good. I have complimented you. You must rest content.

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र : सभापति महोदय, मैं मंत्री महोदय के इस विचार से सहमत नहीं हूं कि अभी वक्त नहीं आया है कि भारत कामनवैल्थ के बारे में सोचे या नहीं क्योंकि यही एक घटना नहीं है, अभी लीबिया के सम्बन्ध में उनका रुख, साउथ अफ्रीका के सम्बन्ध में उनका रुख बताता है कि हमारी सरकार स्पष्ट रूप से ब्रिटेन से कहे कि अब वक्त आ गया है कि हम रिकंसीडर करेंगे इस सवाल को । मैं सरकार से जानना चाहता हूं कि क्या सरकार इस बात को करेगी अगर यह भी बताएगी कि हम कोई रिटोलिएटरी एक्शन लेंगे क्योंकि तथाकथित प्रेसिडेंट जो खालिस्तान के हैं उनके डिप्लोमैटिव सीक्योरिटी दी हुई है । क्या आप बदले की कार्यवाही करेंगे या झुकते हुए उनके पास फरियाद ही करते रहेंगे ? यही मेरा प्रश्न है ।

SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN : About the Commonwealth, I should like to inform the hon. Member that the Commonwealth is no longer the British Commonwealth. It is a commonwealth almost predominantly dominated by African and Asian nations.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA : But dictated by Britain.

SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN : As an example. . .

MR. CHAIRMAN : If you look at him, you will be diverted from your answer.

SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN : As an example I should like to say that at the Commonwealth Conference in Nassau, against the obstinate stand of the British Prime Minister, the Commonwealth succeeded in taking a stand with regard to South Africa.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA : She vetoed.

SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN : And brought it somewhat near to our point of view .

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र : मेरे प्रश्न का जवाब नहीं आया कि कोई रिटैलिएटरी एक्शन लेंगे या नहीं ।

MR. CHAIRMAN : You cannot compel the Minister to answar every bit of your question.

SHRI A. P. SHARMA : Exactly two months ago, one of our partriots, Shri Tarsem Singh Tur, became victim of the terrrist activities and he was killed. May I know from the Government whethar the attention of the British Foreign Secretary was drawn to this incident and also whether it enquired as to what action the British Government is taking to bring to book those culprits who have indulged in this activity *i.e.* killing of Shri Tur and what was his reaction.

SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN : We have brought this matter to the attention of the Foreign Secretarry when he came here as well as to the British Government directly and urged them to take action to apprehend the culprits and to punish them. I understand one of those who were involved in this killing has already been arrested.

SHRI M. KADHARSHA : The Statement given by the hon. Minister is unconvincing because the British Foreign Secretary has given a clear "no" to the Indian proposal of extradition treaty. He has said that the existing Fugitive Act is adequate to deal with the problem. To quote here he has said :

> "Why design a belt when you have a perfectly good pair of braces."

That is what the Foreign Secretary has stated. It is unfortunate that the country like Britain which is heading the Commonwealth and which has struggled ....

AN HON. MEMBER : No, it is the Crown which heads it.

SHRI M. KADHARSHA : It is unfortunate that a country like Britain which had struggled to put down Irish terrorism in their own soil are allowing their land to become a springboard for other terrorism. Sir, Britain is not allowing the entry of Tamil refugees into Britain.

MR. CHAIRMAN : You must put your question now. He cannot come after two minutes.

SHRI M. KADHARSHA : I have not even taken one minute.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Come on please.

SHRI M. KADHARSHA : British commandos are reported to be guiding the Sri Lankan Government in annihilating the innocent Tamils. So, I would like to know...

MR. CHAIRMAN : His question will not be answered. Shri Hukmdeo Narayan Yadav.

SHRI M. KADHARSHA : Sir, I am puting my question. Whether it is a fact that the Government of India has not made any formal application to extradite terrorists. This was also pointed out by the United States Attorney-General dutring his visit to India that India has not made any formal request for extradition of any person from the United States. If that is so, why the Government of India has not made any formal request ?

SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN : As regards the statement attributed to the British Foreign Secretary that within the Commonwealth there are adequate methods for dealing with this questions and there is no need for extradition treaty with India. We

have seen this. But actually in the talks we had with him they have agreed to consider the draft of extradition treaty which we have given to them. This was draft discussed by experts at one meeting and the Foreign Secretary has agreed that there should be another meeting between the experts of the two countries. Thus this draft will be discussed again.

I, agree with the hon. Member that the British Government can deal with this question little more firmly and decisively. The hon. Member has also mentioned about Sri Lankan Tamilians being not allowed to enter U.K. and having been sent out of that country. We have also read recently that 21 Libyans are going to be deported from the U.K. and, therefore, we can presume that there are ways and means of deporting people who are implicated in terrorist acts within the existing British laws. This is what we have repeatedly brought to the attention of the British autorities.

श्री हुक्मदेव नारायण यादव: सभापति महोदय, सरकार के उत्तर से यह लगता है कि ब्रिटिश सरकार के साथ भारत सरकार का यह रिस्ता बन गया है कि ब्रिटिश सरकार छेड़-खानी करती रहेगी और यह नोक-झोंक करते रहेंगे । न वह छेड़खानी बन्द करेंगे और न यह नोक झोंक करना बन्द करेंगे । मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं कि जब मंत्री महोदय ने कहा कि जो कामन वैल्थ है उसमें ब्रिटिश सरकार के खिलाफ भी प्रस्ताव पास कराने में सफलता मिल जाती है तो इस आतंकवादी कार्रवाई को रोकने के लिए कामनवैल्थ में भारत सरकार ने ब्रिटिश सरकार की मरजी के खिलाफ क्या कार्यवाही की है जिससे ब्रिटिश सरकार की इच्छा के विपरीत काम करने में कुछ सफलता मिली? दूसरे यह कि जो ब्रिटिश सरकार कहती है कि उनके यहां जो कानून बने हुए हैं उन साधारण कानूनों के जरिये इसको रोका नहीं जा सकता । उसमें तरमीम करनी पड़ेगी तो साधारण कानून से समस्या का समाधान नहीं होता । इस समस्या का समाधान राजनीतिक तौर पर होगा और राजनीतिक तौर पर समस्या का समाधान करने के लिए आप में कितनी इच्छा शक्ति है ? यह इच्छा शक्ति केवल आपकी नहीं है वह इच्छा शक्ति सम्पूर्ण राष्ट्र की है और सम्पूर्ण राष्ट्र की रक्षा करने के लिए किस हद तक जाना पड़ेगा क्या भारत सरकार उस हद तक जाने के लिए तैयार है या सम्पूर्ण राष्ट्र को लेकर वहां घुटने टेकने को तैयार है ?

SHRI RAJIV GANDHI : Sir let me first clarify this to the hon. Member that India has never bent down or been cowed down by anyone. And we will not do so irrespective of how powerful the other country is.

श्री जसवंत सिंह : हिन्दी में जवाब दे दीजिए । उन्होंने हिन्दी में सवाल पूछा है ।

श्री राजीव गांधी : आप हैड फोन पहन लीजिए अगर आप हिन्दी में सुनना चाहते हैं ।

SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM : The Prime Minister should give his reply only in English because we do not know Hindi. (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN : There is a facility for translation you put on your headphone, you will hear whatever the language is spoken. (*Interruptions*) please don't raise any questions.

श्री हुक्मदेव नारायण यादव : थोड़ा-थोड़ा दोनों में कह दीजिए ताकि सब समझ लें ।

SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM : Is it not a fact that one day you have told in this House that the Minister can speak in any of the two languages, namely, English or Hindi ? The Prime Minister has started speaking in English, so, let him speak in English only.

SHRI RAJIV GANDHI : Sir, if, I may just say, I have started speaking in English and the hon. Member has not put on his headphone. He is obviously happy with listening in English.

श्री जसवंत सिंह : आप जिसमें चाहें बोलिये ।

SHRI RAJIV GANDHI : Sir, as I was saying India has not and will not cow down to the whims of any nation. The most recent example is the stand that we have taken on the American bombing in Libya. We have been very clear. We were perhaps, the first country in the world to come out with our point of view and it was our lead that has given the non-aligned movement the strength during such a cririca period.

On the question of terrorism, there are methods of dealing with it. They are however, not good enough. There are shortcomings in the ways that we have but we have seen with the American reaction on Libya that one must not get carried away. One must be very careful, think very carefully of how to handle terrorism and develop international means to handle terrorism. There are no short-cuts. It will take time. In the meantime, we have to protect ourselves from within and see that every possible measure is taken so that this does not affect us internally.

Violation of safety measures in the Bharat Electronics Limited, Ghaziabad

*43. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:†
DR. R.K. PODDAR :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any representations / complaints have been received from any quarter by Government regarding violation of safety measures in the Bharat Electronics Limited, Ghaziabad ;

(b) if so, what are the contents thereof ;

(c) what action has been taken by Government in this regard ; and

(d) if the reply to part (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND DEFENCE SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a)to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

The employees working in the Transmitter hanger of Bharat Electronics Limited, Ghaziabad have represented to their Management expressing their apprehensions regarding the adequacy of the safeguards provided in the transmitter of one of the radars against X-ray and microwave radiations and other hazards. Newspaper reports making various allegations have also appeared in this regard.

2. Government have examined the matter in consultation with BEL Management. The apprehensions are misconceived. Safeguards have been provided in the equipment design against all possible radiation hazards. The adequancy of the protection against X-rays and microwave radiation has been verified by experts of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre who have certified that the installation is safe for operating personnel. As a measure of caution, however, four employees working close to the Transmitter have also been medically examined by BARC, including chromosome analysis which has confirmed that none of them has been exposed to any X-ray radiation and that no abnormalities have been noticed in the other clinical tests.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Mr. Chairman, Sir, in the statement, in paragraph No. 2 it has been stated; the Government have examined the matter in consultation with the BEL Management. There is no reference that the Government have consul-

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Nirmal Chatterjee.